

CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ADAMS COMMUNITY RECREATION GROUP

MINUTES/PUBLIC MEETING

Virtually on Zoom

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Estevan Negrete, Chairperson
Nancy Lawler, Member
Jane Bird – VOLO/VAVI Representative
Kim Emerson, Secretary
Dennis Reiter, Member
Connie Terwilliger, Ward Canyon Waggers

STAFF

Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager II–Absent
Rafael Padilla, Recreation Center Director I
Jenny Hall, SD Police Department
Absent–Jennifer Cyphers, Librarian, Kensington–
Normal Heights Library

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jim Baross, NHCPG
Ally Welborn, NHCA
Jojo Turner, Mid–City Little League Representative
Michael Nichols, VAVI Representative
Emily Rose–Weber, Member
Pete Evangelisto, Member
Elizabeth Chennamchetty, Vice Chairperson

COMMUNITY GUESTS

Cailin Fonseca

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Estevan Negrete, Chairperson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion for approval: It was moved/seconded (Jane Bird/Connie Terwilliger) to approve minutes from April 26, 2022, meeting. MOTION APPROVED (4-0-0).

COMMUNICATIONS (*limited to items not on the agenda. Each one will be limited to five (5) minutes and is not debatable*). Kim Emerson requested update two issues 501c3 and a solution for tree trimming. It wasn't on the agenda. Estevan stated he would speak on one of the issues on his report.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT –Estevan Negrete, Chairperson reported no update on 501c3. Needs to talk to Ted. Tree trimmings was hoping to hear from Michele. Estevan will email Michele for update.

ORGANIZATION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. San Diego Police/Community Relations Officer** – No report.
- 2. City Council District 3 Representative** – No report.
- 3. San Diego Library** – No report.
- 4. Mid–City Little League** – No report.
- 5. VAVI** – Jane Bird reported not many updates. Really happy running their sports programs at Adams. Had to get off the call for a doctor's appointment.
- 6. Normal Heights Community Association** – No report
- 7. Normal Heights Urban Arts** – Kim Emerson reported they had a meeting via–zoom on May 10th. Selected a few artists to paint boxes. Still working with structural engineer for the Mosaic mural. Love to get new members. Next meeting is not public typically meet at the rec center.
- 8. Normal Heights Planning Group** – Vickie Everich reported
- 9. Ward Canyon Waggers** – Connie Terwilliger email reported their sweep on May 14th from 10am–11am. With one–person cleaning name Pam. They were contacted by Gregory Stone,

that they were going to be picking up around Adams elementary school that same day. Wanted to get together with anyone who was available to meet up later that day. Connie was unavailable. Greg also, wants to join on June 11th. Moving the time from 10am to 9am. New picking time will be from 9am-10am. Meeting near the small dog area. Will not be attending June 11th. Her boyfriend is in a band and will be performing on KUSI. Would like an update on the fencing. It was scheduled to start in May. Notice in the minutes that July was set date for resurfacing small dog area. Would like to delay the closure until fencing of new dog park has been completed. So, they are not without a dog park.

10. Adams Elementary – No report.

11. Normal Heights Elementary– No report.

PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF REPORTS

1. **Rafael Padilla, Center Director I** – reported the summer programs, summer camps, youth sports, futsal ,10 and under and lunch programs.
2. **Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager** –No report. Absent

ACTION ITEMS Consent (Items are adopted without discussion)

ACTION ITEMS Adoption (Each item requires individual action)

WORKSHOP ITEMS

- Fact sheet

INFORMATION ITEMS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Estevan Negrete - Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next Adams Community Group meeting will be Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. via ZOOM.

Submitted by: *Rafael Padilla*

Reviewed by: *MChicarelli*

Rafael Padilla, Recreation Center Director I

Michele Chicarelli, Area Manager II

THIS INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE IN ALTERNATE FORMATS UPON REQUEST.

CONTACT Rafael Padilla, RECREATION CENTER DIRECTOR I AT (619) 235-1149.

Adams CRG

Quick Fact Sheet

Workshop Item:

Interface with Normal Heights Community Organizations

Normal Heights Urban Arts

The Normal Heights Urban Arts Group is a volunteer organization seeking to promote community development through urban design and streetscape with public art, enriching the quality of life for residents and visitors. They continue to meet monthly,

-Information obtained from the Normal Heights Urban Arts Facebook Page

Representation at P&R Group: Kim Emmerson and Dennis Reiter

Meetings:

Chair:

Contact: normalheightsua@gmail.com

Normal Heights Community Association

Their “purpose is to promote a community where neighbors help neighbors and foster an environment that promotes community involvement for the betterment of all those who live, work, learn, and play here.”

“They produce a variety of fun events, including Summer Movies in the Park, the Holiday Decorating Contest& Party, monthly mixers at local restaurants, bars and pubs and ore. “

-Information obtained from the Normal Heights Community Association Website.

Representation at P&R Group: Ally

Meetings:

Chair:

Contact: normalheights.ca

Normal Heights Planning Group

The community planning groups are a formal mechanism for community input in the land use decision-making processes in San Diego. The NHCPG meets on the first Tuesday of every month at the normal Height Community Center. They post updates about activities monthly meetings and minutes, and pertinent neighborhood updates on their Facebook page.

-Information obtained from NHPG Facebook Page

Representation at P&R Group: Jim Baross

Meetings: This group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 and via zoom (during pandemic). Physical location: 4649 Hawley Blvd. agendas can be requested via

sdplanninggroups@sandiego.gov

Contact: 619-282-7329 *via Facebook, www.adamsavenuebusiness.com/NHCPG.html,
nhcpgchair@gmail.com

Adams Avenue Business Association

The AABA is a nonprofit corporation that formed in the early 80’s. It was worked to improve the neighborhood’s economic conditions through its own activities and in partnership with local businesses and property owner, private companies and public or government agencies. The mission of the Adams Avenue Business Association is to promote and increase commercial activity within the Business Improvement District.

-Information obtained from the AABA website

Representation at P & R Group: currently not represented

President: Mikey Knab, Executive Director: Scott Kessler –

scott@adamsavenuebusiness.com

Contact: www.adamsavenuebusiness.com, 4649 Hawley Blvd., 619-282-7329

Normal Heights Ward Canyon Waggers

The Normal Heights Ward Canyon Waggers is a group of dog lovers advocating for a solution to the closures and challenges that face the two dog parks at Ward Canyon Park. They also support the completion of the GDP as a permanent solution to a permanent dog park in Ward Canyon Park.

Representation at P & R Group: Connie Terwilliger

Organizer: Connie Terwilliger

Contact: [wcvaggers@gmail.com](mailto:wcwaggers@gmail.com), Facebook page: Ward Canyon Dog Park

Mid-City Little League

*This community group that rents space at field

Mid-City Little League is singularly committed to the development of character and sportsmanship. By providing the area's youth with a safe, healthy, and accepting environment in which to learn the fundamentals of baseball, Mid-City Little League instills values that promote citizenship and community responsibility. The League competes in 2 seasons per year. Spring runs from February through May and Fall Ball runs from mid-September through mid-November.

-Description obtained from midcitylittleleague.com

Junionrs are located at Adams and 35th field

Representation at P&R Group: Jojo Turner

Contact: www.midcitylittleleague.com, Russ Havens, 858-472-3245, crhavens@gmail.com

*contact from website

Volo (previously Vavi)

*This community group rents space at the field

A social sport leagues. Volo brings together fun-loving San Deegan's through San Diego sports leagues, events and 5k runs. Volo Sports and Social Club is the largest organizers of coed adult sports leagues, social events, races and tournaments in the country. Volo runs more than 25 different types of adult sports with over 650 leagues across San Diego.

-Information obtained via Facebook and yelp

Representation at P&R Group: Varies depending on participation on the field.

Owner:

Contact: www.volosports.com, 858-273-3485, sandiego@volosports.com

Adams CRG Quick Fact Sheet

Workshop Item:

Ward Canyon Park - Dog Park Concerns/Issues

History of Ward Canyon Temporary Dog Park:

Ward Canyon Park, with the help of generous community involvement, created a temporary Dog Park in the south east corner of Ward Canyon Park. The dog park consisted of two fenced areas. One enclosure was intended for large dogs. The second enclosure was intended for small dogs.

The dog park did not follow typical easement rules other dog parks across the country have followed. This resulted in the large dog park becoming a nuisance to local home owners. The barking, after hours attendance and large plums of dirt and dust created an uninhabitable situation for property owners. Additionally, the dog parks were challenged with maintenance issues. Most of these issues stemmed from inadequate ground cover and construction debris, which was causing injuries to dogs and distress to dog owners.

As a result, many community meetings and options for alternative temporary placement and ground coverings have been discussed and proposed over the course of several years.

The formation of a local group, called the Ward Canyon Waggers, has been created to advocate for dogs and their humans in the creation of an appropriate alternate temporary dog park, until such time the Ward Canyon Park GDP can be realized.

Current State of the (existing) Temporary Dog Park

The temporary Dog Park closest to private property, known as the Large Dog Park, has been closed permanently. The Temporary Dog Park, to the north of the larger enclosure, known as the Small Dog Park, remains open to both large and small dogs.



Currently there are concerns with the small dog park (which all dogs are currently using).

These concerns are as follows: large dogs and small dogs grouped together, the area is too small for the population it serves, the ground cover is inadequate, there are ongoing maintenance challenges, there is no way to control the dust (no water hook ups nearby), there is no landscaping (bushes etc.) which is also a result of no water hook ups, weeds and general maintenance are a reoccurring issue, signage is poor and rules are unclear, the gates are not locked consistently

Solutions (Two Phases):

Current (temporary) Proposal by the City:

There is currently a proposal (known as “Option C”) to open an additional temporary dog park within Ward Canyon Park. This temporary dog park has been approved and funded, however there is no fencing in this location. The City of San Diego currently does not have a fencing contractor. The City is in negotiations with a contractor. These negotiations have lasted several months. When such an agreement is finalized, the fence will be installed.



Final Goal:

All parties involved agree, the ultimate goal is Ward Canyon Park GDP completion. With the completion of the GDP for Ward Canyon Park, the permanent dog park will be realized on the east side of the property (closest to the freeway). The dog park will extend onto an existing road and be converted into park space. This property currently belongs to Caltrans. The City is in negotiations to obtain this land.



Quick Fact Sheet: Ward Canyon Dog Park(s)
Adams CRG: 3491 Adams Ave, 619-235-1149
Updated: 1/26/22